



THE ACTORS IN THE



THE TRAGEDY OF JULIUS CAESAR

Actus Primus. Scena Prima.

Enter Flavius, Murellus, and certaine Commoners
ouer the Stage.

Flavius.

Hence: home you idle Creatures, get you home:
Is this a Holiday? What, know you not
(Being Mechanicall) you ought not walke
Vpon a labouring day, without the signe

Of your Profession? Speake, what Trade art thou?

Car. Why Sir, a Carpenter.

Mur. Where is thy Leather Apron, and thy Rule?
What dost thou with thy best Apparrell on?
You sir, what Trade are you?

Cobl. Truly Sir, in respect of a fine Workman, I am
but as you would say, a Cobl.

Mur. But what Trade art thou? Answer me directly.

Cobl. A Trade Sir, that I hope I may vse, with a safe
Conscience, which is indeed Sir, a Mender of bad soules.

Fla. What Trade thou knaue? Thou naughty knaue,
what Trade?

Cobl. Nay I beseech you Sir, be not out with me: yet
if you be out Sir, I can mend you.

Mur. What meanst thou by that? Mend mee, thou
fawcy Fellow?

Cobl. Why sir, Cobble you.

Fla. Thou art a Cobl, art thou?

Cobl. Truly sir, all that I liue by, is with the Aule: I
meddle with no Tradesmans matters, nor womens mat-
ters; but withal I am indeed Sir, a Surgeon to old shooes:
when they are in great danger, I recover them. As pre-
per men as euer trod vpon Neats Leather, haue gone vp-
on my handy- worke.

Fla. But wherefore art not in thy Shop to day?
Why dost thou leade these men about the streets?

Cobl. Truly sir, to weare out their shooes, to get my
selfe into more worke. But indeede sir, we make Holy-
day to see Caesar, and to reioyce in his Triumph.

Mur. Wherefore reioyce?

What Conquest brings he home?

What Tributaries follow him to Rome,

To grace in Captiue bonds his Chariot Wheelles?

You Blockes, you stones, you worse then senslesse things:

O you hard hearts, you cruell men of Rome,

Knew you not Pompey many a time and oft?

Haue you climbd vp to Walles and Battlements,

To Towres and Windows? Yea, to Chimney tops,

Your Infants in your Armes, and there haue late

The liue-long day, with patient expectation,